

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electronic camera comprising:
a signal processor for processing an imaged video
signal obtained from an imaging element to store image data
in a recording medium;
a monitor for displaying said image data;
an electronic flash device;
a battery for supplying voltage to said signal
processor, said monitor and said electronic flash device;
a battery voltage detector circuit; and
a system controller; wherein
said electronic flash device includes a capacitor
charged when no light is emitted from the flash device, and
a discharge tube which receives an output from said
capacitor and, in response thereto, emits light; and
when an amount of electric charge remaining in said
battery is below a predetermined value, said system
controller initially prohibits charging said capacitor and
in addition thereto controls said monitor to operate only
for a period of time permitting a user to confirm data of
an image picked up and said system controller then controls
said monitor to be inoperable and thereafter carries out
charging said capacitor.

2. The electronic camera according to claim 1, wherein
said system controller also controls displaying on said
monitor and charging of said capacitor such that display of
the image data and charging of the capacitor are
simultaneously performed when the amount of electric charge

6 remaining in said battery is at least equal to said
7 predetermined value.

1 3. The electronic camera according to claim 1, wherein
2 said predetermined value represents half of a full amount
3 of the electric charge stored in said battery.

1 4. The electronic camera according to claim 3, wherein
2 said system controller also controls displaying on said
3 monitor and charging of said capacitor such that display of
4 the image data and charging of the capacitor are
5 simultaneously performed when the amount of electric charge
6 remaining in said battery is at least equal to said
7 predetermined value.

1 5. The electronic camera according to claim 1, wherein
2 said monitor is an LCD monitor.

1 6. The electronic camera according to claim 1, further
2 comprising a digital processing portion for applying a
3 digital-signal processing to a video signal.